



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – December 28, 2015

FirstNet News

- Last week, FirstNet launched the consultation program for the upcoming year, sending [planning packages](#) to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) in all 56 states and territories. The package provides an overview of our consultation approach and includes a number of tools to assist the SPOCs with preparing for consultation, including a checklist and proposed agenda to help organize their kick-off meetings, as well as suggestions for executive-level consultation in their states and territories. In January, regional leads will begin scheduling kick-off meetings with the SPOCs to discuss the 2016 consultation approach and plan for outreach engagements throughout the 2016 calendar year.
- The FirstNet team continues work on the RFP in preparation for a January release.

Media Watch

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Radio Resource/Mission Critical: FirstNet SPOCs Receive State Planning Packages

<http://www.mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/13767>

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) officially launched its consultation program for the upcoming year, sending planning packages to the single points of contact (SPOCs) in all 56 states and territories. The package outlines next steps for each state, including scheduling a kick-off meeting, coordinating participation in governance body meetings, establishing consultation task teams (CTTs) and scheduling an executive consultation meeting.

The Eagle-TX: Brazos County Sheriff's Office First To Use New Beefed-Up Broadband

http://www.theeagle.com/news/crime/brazos-county-sheriff-s-office-first-to-use-new-beefed/article_72a07ba2-a3b7-11e5-a3cb-8b8d2044b838.html

The Brazos County Sheriff's Office is pioneering a new wave of technology, becoming the first agency in the country to be fully operational on a new broadband network designated only for law enforcement and first responders. Band Class 14, a bandwidth designated for

public safety by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), allows deputies to perform all desk duties from within a patrol car, including filing reports and checking records.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet social media accounts were active again last week. Twitter is now at 2,987 followers; LinkedIn has 1,197 followers; YouTube has 187 subscribers; and Google+ now has 60 users.

Last week, the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) posted an article by Vice Chair Jeff Johnson in its “On Scene” newsletter that reviews FirstNet’s progress in 2015 and highlights our priorities for 2016:

<http://www.iafc.org/onScene/article.cfm?ItemNumber=8853>

FirstNet posted four new entries on the FirstNet blog: [FirstNet Rolls Out 2016 Consultation Program](#), [FirstNet Gains Valuable Insight from Florida Executive Board Meeting](#), and updates from the Arizona and Alaska initial state consultations – [Arizona Shares Mobile Data Experiences During Wildfires and Large Planned Events](#) and [Alaska Demonstrates Benefits of Mobile Data for Public Safety During Initial Consultation Meeting](#). All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.